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1. Response and Amendment including Exhibit A (6 pgs);
2. Return Postcard

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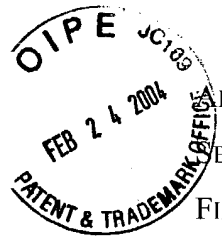
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed December 22, 2003 in the above-identified patent application. With no extension of time, these documents are due on or before March 22, 2004. Thus, Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this timely filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-510 CON.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.